

SENATE BILL 1503

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55
and Title 68, to enact the "Tennessee Trauma
Center Funding Law of 2007".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 5 of this act as a new chapter 59.

SECTION 2. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as, the "Tennessee Trauma Center Funding Law of 2007".

SECTION 3. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Advisory council" means the Tennessee trauma care advisory council;
- (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health;
- (3) "Coordinator" means the person designated by the commissioner pursuant to Section 5 of this act;
- (4) "Department" means the department of health;
- (5) "Trauma" means a serious or critical bodily injury, wound, or shock;
- (6) "Trauma center" means any Level I, Level II, or Level III institution licensed by the department pursuant to chapter 11, part 2 of this title, and chapter 1200-8-12-.03 of the Tennessee Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 4. The advisory council shall submit an annual report to the house health and human resources committee of the house of representatives and the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee including, but not limited to, the incidence and status of traumatic injuries in Tennessee, the administration of the office of the coordinator, and recommendations for improving the collection and distribution of funds designated for trauma centers under this chapter.

SECTION 5. There is established a general fund reserve to be allocated by the general appropriations act which shall be known as the "trauma center fund," hereafter referred to as the "fund." From the revenues deposited in the trauma center fund the department of health is authorized to provide funding to the trauma centers based upon the number of trauma patients served by each trauma center. The department is authorized to develop other criteria for eligible applicants. In addition to providing funds for the trauma centers, moneys from the fund may be expended to fund the coordinator position and other expenditures consistent with the provisions of this chapter. Any revenues deposited in this reserve shall remain in the reserve until expended for purposes consistent with this chapter, and shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30. Any excess revenues shall not revert on any June 30, but shall remain available for appropriation in subsequent fiscal years. Any appropriation from such reserve shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30, but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.